



Brownfields 2006 Grant Fact Sheet

Sullivan County, TN

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

Sullivan County was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant. The target community of Blountville is the county seat of Sullivan County (population 153,048) in northeast Tennessee. The average per capita, median household, and family incomes are all well below the national and county-wide averages. Most Blountville residents found work outside of the community after the Davis Pipe Company, the target site and largest employer in the community, closed in the 1990s. The property was used to manufacture welded stainless-steel and alloy pipe fittings. Today it is the largest brownfields site in Sullivan County. When the Davis Pipe Company closed, other small manufacturing and commercial operations also closed. Abandoned and dilapidated buildings in the target area are constant reminders of the economic downturn of

Assessment Grant



\$300,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected Sullivan County for a brownfields assessment grant. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to conduct Phase I and II environmental site assessments of the 60-acre Davis Pipe Property at 250 Birch Street in Blountville. Hazardous substances of concern at the site include methyl ethyl ketone, hydrofluoric acid, nitric acid, caustic soda, and equipment oil and lubricants. Grant funds will be used to sample and characterize wastes contained in 55-gallon drums, assess the condition of existing groundwater monitoring wells, develop cleanup and redevelopment plans, and conduct public outreach activities.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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<http://www.epa.gov/region4/waste/bf/index.htm>

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The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.

these neighborhoods. Many of these properties have or are perceived to have environmental contamination. After the brownfields are assessed and eventually cleaned up, the county has proposed redevelopment of the property as a mixed-use business park, a potential business incubator, and walking and bike trails. This redevelopment will increase property values, provide jobs, and attract private investment.